

LOANS AND TAXES FOR BUILDING COURT HOUSE.

1861, c. 64 repeals c. 16 of same year and provides, that the county commissioners for Frederick county are authorized and required to build a new court house in Frederick city for Frederick county, to tear down and remove the buildings now used and occupied as the clerk's office and register's office and to borrow from time to time for that purpose the required sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of forty thousand dollars: said county commissioners are authorized and required to rent and procure in Frederick city suitable and convenient rooms to be used by the register of wills for said county as a register's office and orphan's court room, and by the clerk of the circuit court for said county as a clerk's office, until said new court house shall be completed and ready for use and occupation by said officers, and the said register of wills and the clerk of the circuit court are hereby authorized and required to remove from the offices now used by them respectively, the papers and records in their custody, and to deliver to said county commissioners whenever by them thereto required, full possession of the buildings now occupied by said register and clerks. That said county commissioners are authorized to appoint one or more watchmen to guard and keep secure by night in the rooms to be procured as aforesaid, the records and papers belonging to said offices and to pay said watchmen such salary as said commissioner shall deem just. That said county commissioners are authorized and required to issue bonds in sums of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, to be signed by the president of the board of said county commissioners and countersigned by the clerk of said board, not exceeding forty thousand dollars, said bonds to bear interest, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July respectively, and not to be sold for less than the par value thereof and the interest on said bonds shall be received by the collector in payment of county taxes. That said bonds shall be issued to mature at such dates as shall not require the payment in any one year of more than four thousand dollars of the principal sum thereof, and said bonds shall be redeemable with interest, at the pleasure of said county commissioners at or before the maturity thereof. That said county commissioners shall annually levy upon the assessable property of Frederick county a tax of not less than three cents on every hundred dollars, and the money thus raised shall be known and kept as the court-house fund, and shall be applied by said county commissioners to the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds as aforesaid, and the cost of the collection of said tax, if any, and to no other purpose whatsoever and said tax shall be collected as all other taxes are collected. That said new court-house shall be commenced on or before the first day of September, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and shall be finished on or before the first day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-two. And 1862, c. 76 adds the following: that the county commissioners for Frederick county are authorized to borrow from time to time, not exceeding the sum of eight thousand dollars, to furnish the new court-house, and to repair the grounds around the same. That said county commissioners are authorized to issue bonds in sums of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, to be signed by the president of the board of said county commissioners, and countersigned by the clerk of said board, not exceeding said sum of eight thousand dollars, for the purposes specified in the first section of this act, said bonds to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi annually, on the first days of January and July respectively, and not to be sold for less than the par value thereof, and the interest on said bonds shall be received by the collector in payment of county taxes. That for four thousand dollars of said sum the bonds shall be issued to mature in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and for the remaining four thousand